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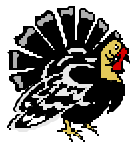
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady, instances firm. Demand was light to moderate. Limited trading for prompt shipments took place. Offerings are light and held with confidence. Bulk parts and meats trading was light for the pre holiday weekend. Demand was slow with most buyers selective toward the market. Offerings were mixed.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on full-cut wings and frozen thigh meat, balance slow. Demand was limited. Offerings light to moderate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 26, 2005**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-69	67	67	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68	67	67.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-69	69	69.00	10	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	67	67.00	15	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF MAY 27, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	67.70**	68.50	67.50
CENTRAL REGION	67.00	67.10**	67.00
WESTERN REGION	67.70**	67.80**	67.30**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	67.10**	68.25	67.50
CENTRAL REGION	67.75	66.40**	67.17
WESTERN REGION	67.00	67.00	67.40**

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	68-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	67-74

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	98-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	98-122

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 30-MAY-2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	79.68	381,000
16-24 lbs.	78.71	35,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume:	431,000
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TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 21-May-2005 (Preliminary)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG	
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
North East	827	11	24.43	(A)	828	24.43
South Atlantic	688	-8	32.89	(A)	688	32.89
North Central	2,157	2	32.61	(A)	2,157	32.61
South Central	650	18	19.35	(A)	650	19.35
West	293	-12	26.35	(A)	293	26.35

U.S. total	4,615(B)	3	28.93	1	4,616	28.93
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To-date

2005	83,583(B)	61	83,644
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To-date

2004	84,885(B)	141	85,026
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(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 12,000; for the current year to date 444,000; for last year to date 876,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

April	423,567*
May 1 - 21, 2005	316,774*

To date 2005	1,974,989*
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To date 2004	1,922,121*
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* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 21-May-2005 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	<u>Thousands</u>				
Head	1,980	2,623	12	1	4,616
Avg Wt	16.55	38.28	25.08	59.64	28.93
Last week	1,924	2,561	8	1	4,494
Same wk yr ago	1,802	2,567	27	2	4,398
Avg Wt	16.02	37.23	23.34	53.84	28.46
To-date/2005	32,323	50,816	444	61	83,644
To-date/2004	34,366	49,643	876	141	85,026

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT. FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 26 MAY 2005.

The market tone on tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins steady, frozen destrapped tenderloins steady to barely steady, breast trim steady to instances firm, scapula about steady and frozen wing meat steady to instances weak. Offerings of tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins adequate, frozen destrapped tenderloins adequate to fully adequate, breast trim light at best, scapula light to instances fully adequate and frozen wing meat with skin adequate to ample. The market tone on non-Russian frozen thigh meat was steady to weak, fresh thigh meat steady at best. Demand slow to moderate with buyers unaggressive resulting in lower trending offering prices. Offerings of fresh thigh meat adequate, frozen thigh meat adequate to burdensome. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey (MST) was mostly steady. Demand light for the light offerings. Trading heavy tom wings 22.50 cents delivered June-September and moderate on frozen thigh meat for export, balance slow. For domestic (rib breasts): Grade A 4-8 lb. 106 delivered July, Grade A 8-10 lb. basted 113 and non-basted 115, plant grade basted 8-10 lb. 110, plant grade non-basted - 12-14 lb. 135, 14-16 lb. 140, 16-18 lb. 140-145, Grade A basted 18-20 lb. current production 134 cents delivered. For export: frozen -20% MST -60 days age 25 shipping point, fresh tom drums 46, frozen scapula 98 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	105.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	151.84	38
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	98.00		98.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	45.00		45.00	3
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	44.00		44.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	41.00		41.00	11
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	26.00		26.00	72
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	28.00		28.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	39.00-45.00		42.33	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	88.00-89.00		88.23	26
NECKS, TOM	41.00		41.00	6
NECKS, HEN	39.00		39.00	5
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	170.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	170.00		170.00	120
THIGH MEAT		F	84.00	8
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		T	84.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	142.00		142.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		T	103.00	40
TENDERLOINS	152.00		152.00	24
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	149.00-150.00		149.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	170.00		170.00	10
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	77.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	52.00		52.00	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	44.00		44.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.50-26.50		24.73	204
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	25.00		25.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	75.00-81.50		77.88	531

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 27 MAY 2005.

The market tone on tom drums was steady to instances firm, balance of tom bulk parts mostly steady. Demand on tom drums moderate to good into domestic and export channels, balance light to moderate. Offerings of tom drums short to light, tom necks light but becoming more available and tom wings adequate to fully adequate. Trading was active on fresh tom drums at 43 cents delivered for June export shipments, open priced fresh thigh meat for June export deliveries and on frozen thigh meat for export at lower trending prices, balance slow. Domestic trading was active on tom full-cut wings, balance slow. For domestic: frozen 91% lean 40 lb. bulk ground turkey 53, fresh wing meat 95, fresh scapula 116, Grade A basted 12-14 lb. breasts 135, plant grade basted 20-22 lb breasts 142 cents delivered. For export: fresh -20% mechanically separated turkey (distress sale) 45, tom hand defatted gizzards 47, fresh thigh meat 80-83 mostly 80 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	105.00	160	105.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	151.84	38	149.41	59
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	97.00		97.00	40	96.87	600
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	44.00-45.00		44.55	56	44.84	159
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	45.00		45.00	40	44.14	280
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	40.50-41.00		40.75	80	40.78	91
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00-26.00		24.75	335	25.40	705
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	28.00	15	28.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	41.00-45.00		44.13	92	43.27	336
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	88.23	26	87.57	126
NECKS, TOM	39.00-43.00		40.53	107	40.69	293
NECKS, HEN		R	39.00	5	39.00	5
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	170.00	40	170.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	170.00-172.00		170.50	160	170.60	800
THIGH MEAT		F	84.00	8		
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	84.00		84.00	80	84.00	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	142.00	40	141.50	80
SCAPULA MEAT		T	103.00	40	103.00	40
TENDERLOINS		R	152.00	24	152.00	24
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	149.50	80	149.50	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	77.00	80		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	170.00		170.00	10	170.91	220
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	50.00-51.00		50.50	80	50.92	555
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	44.00	80	44.48	412
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	24.00		24.00	104	24.36	412
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		R	25.00	40	26.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	73.50-79.00		77.65	300	78.57	1315

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